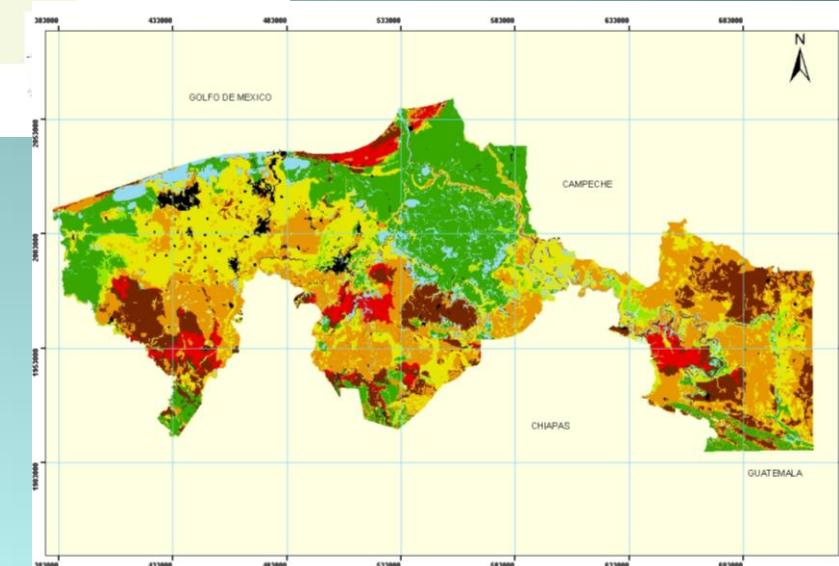
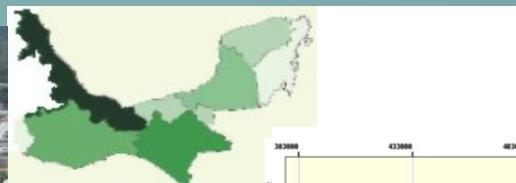


# Climate change impacts on the wetlands of Tabasco, Mexico

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# Tabasco

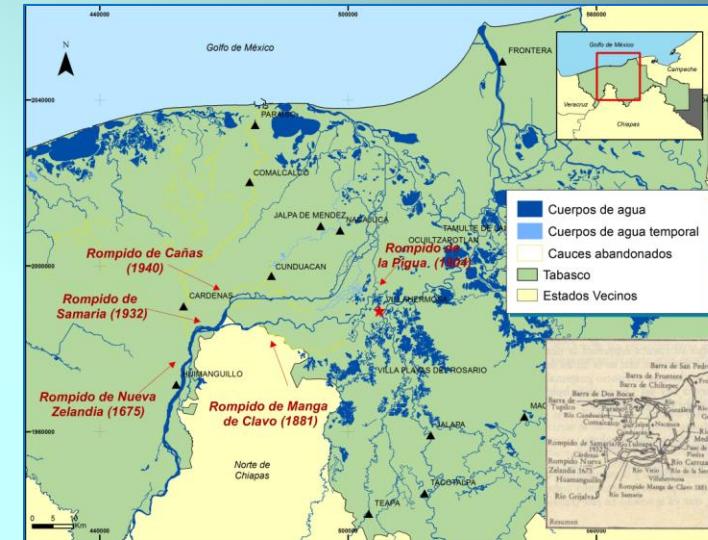
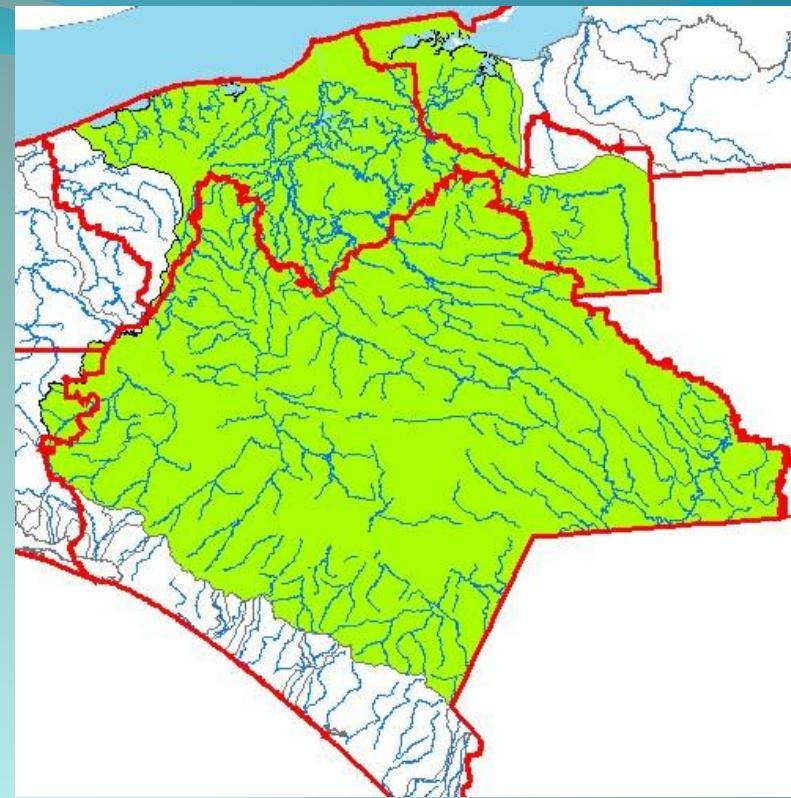


2 526 700 hectares  
60% grasslands  
~5000 pipelines  
~4300 drilling rigs

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# The Grijalva-Usumacinta basin ,the biggest in Mexico, the most dynamic 91,345 km<sup>2</sup> (4.7%)

- Plains
- 83 rivers
- Natural flooding areas
- Gley soils with almost no drainage
- Land Change
- No urban planning
- High rainfall



# Wetlands

Biosphere Reserves with  
intertidal forested  
wetlands; forests and  
mangrove swamps,  
nipah swamps  
and tidal freshwater

Everglades  
National Park

610,497 hectares

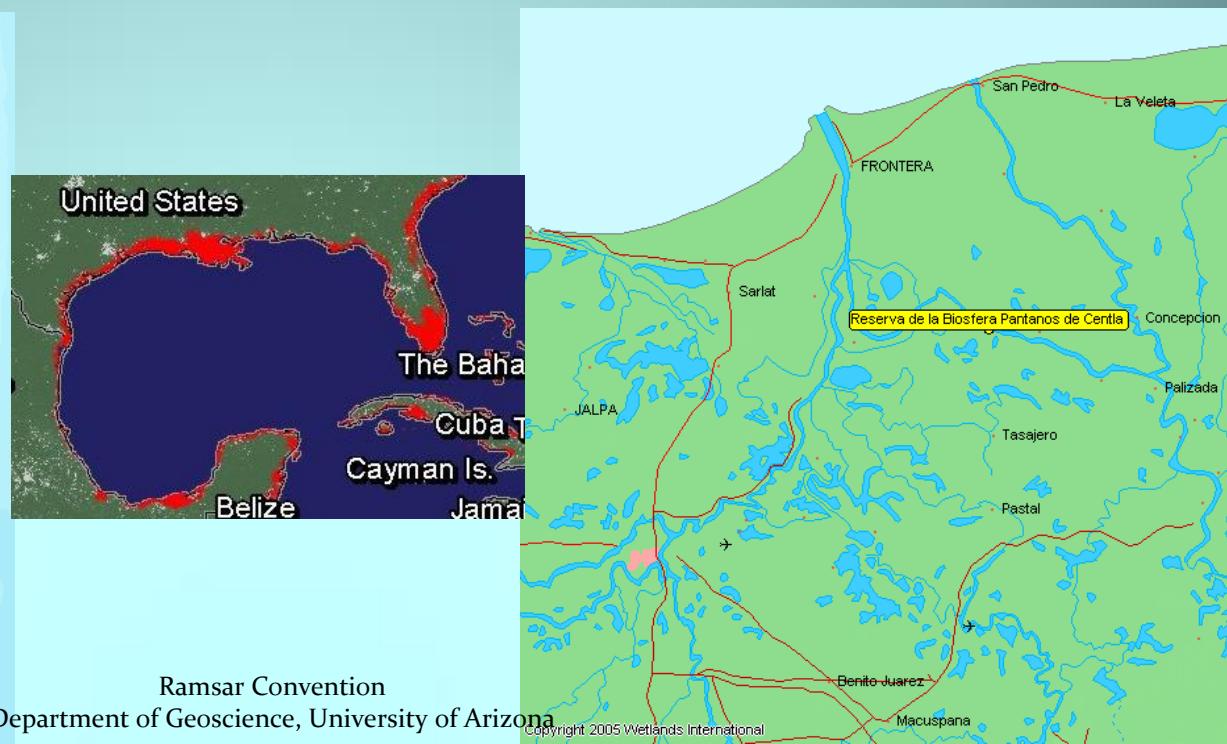


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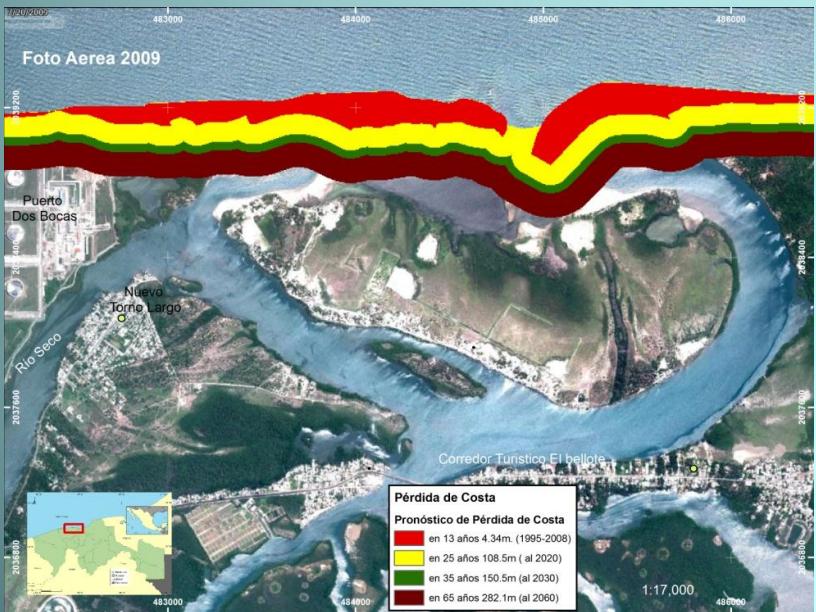
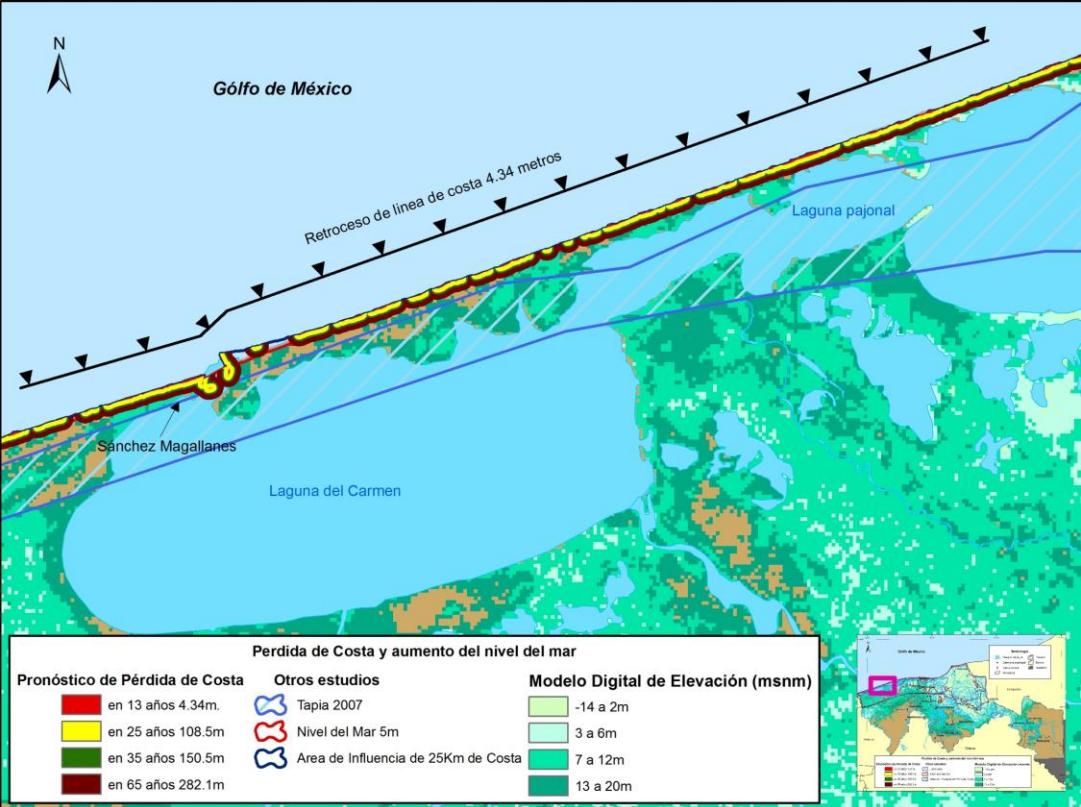
Centla swamps  
Biosphere reserve  
302,706 hectares



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# Rates of potential change (losses and gains) from 1995 to 2008



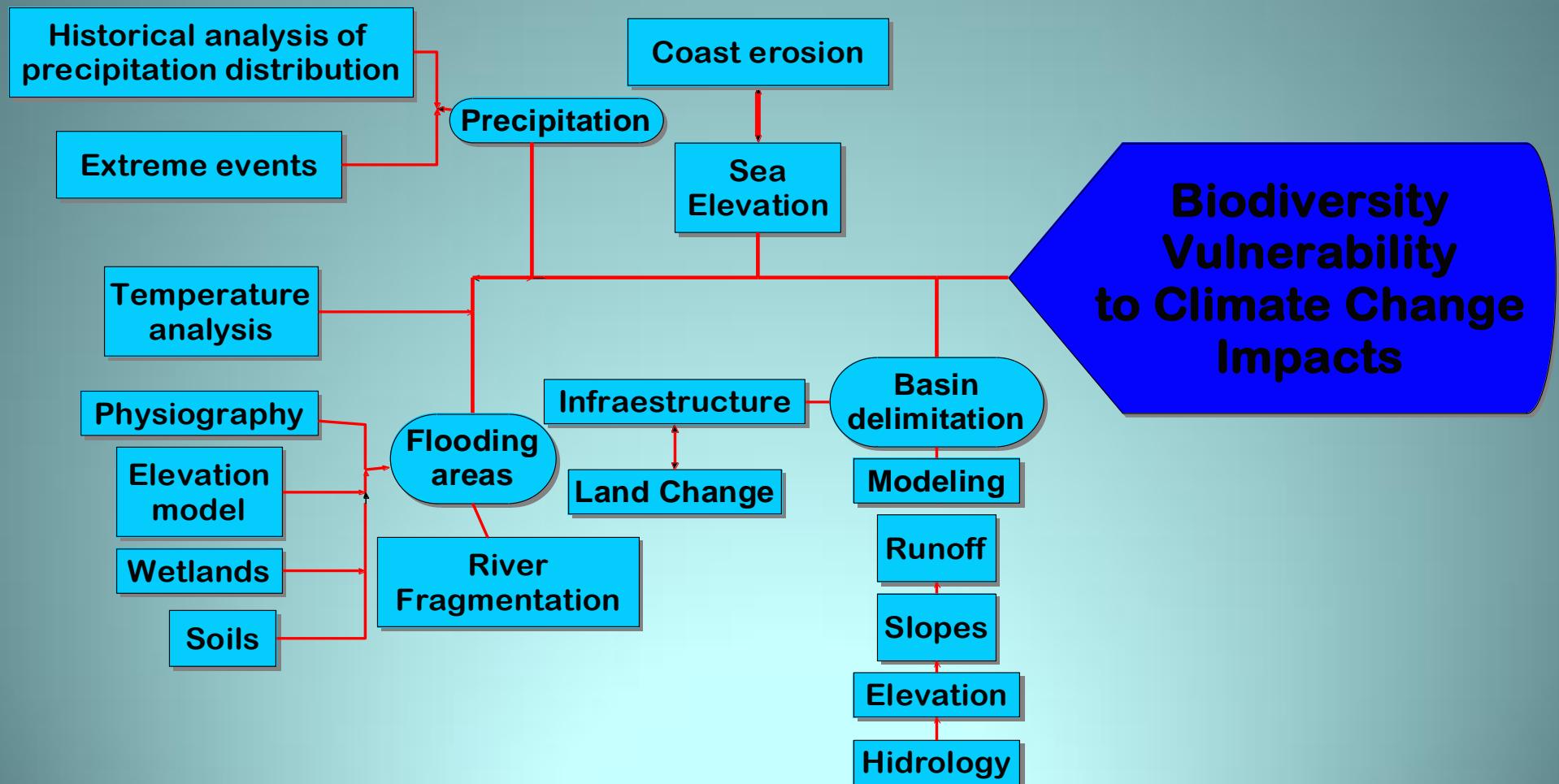


The objective of this research was to study global warming effects on this region, and to generate potential future sceneries.

## What threats would be present due to Global Warming on Tabasco wetlands?

- Increase on temperature,
- Increase on extreme extraordinary hydrometeorological events with floods
- Sea level increase
- soil salinization

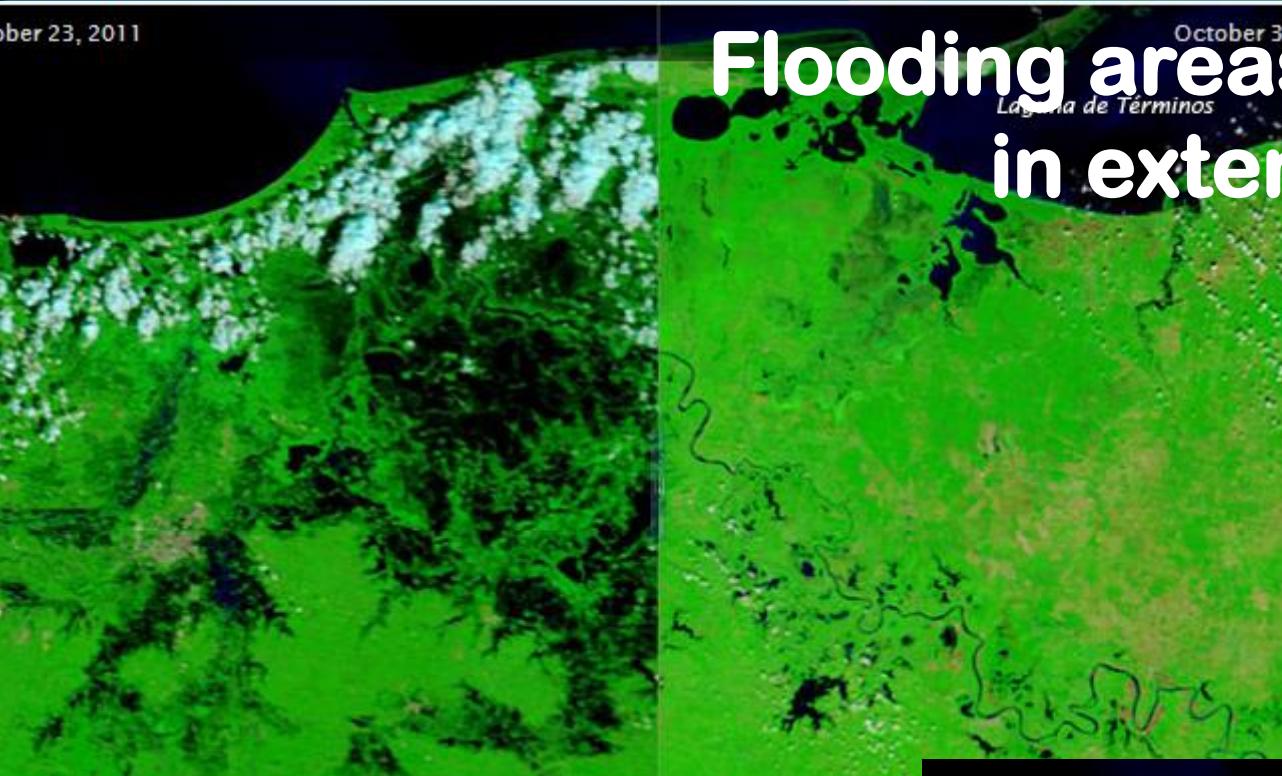
# Methodology



# Temperature effects on Tabasco

- During the last 12 years the world has experience **on average the 10 most warmest** of the last two decades.
- **On Tabasco** studies preliminares muestran un posible incremento de dos a tres grados centígrados.
- Actualmente **Tabasco** tiene un promedio de **máximas mensuales es de 34.6** así como un promedio de **temperaturas mínimas de 21.7**, lo que pronostica un cambio de una **temperatura mínima promedio de 24.6** y **una máxima de 37.6**; que en la temporada de estiaje cuando el termómetro alcanza los **42** grados centígrados, para ubicarse en los **45 a 46** grados.

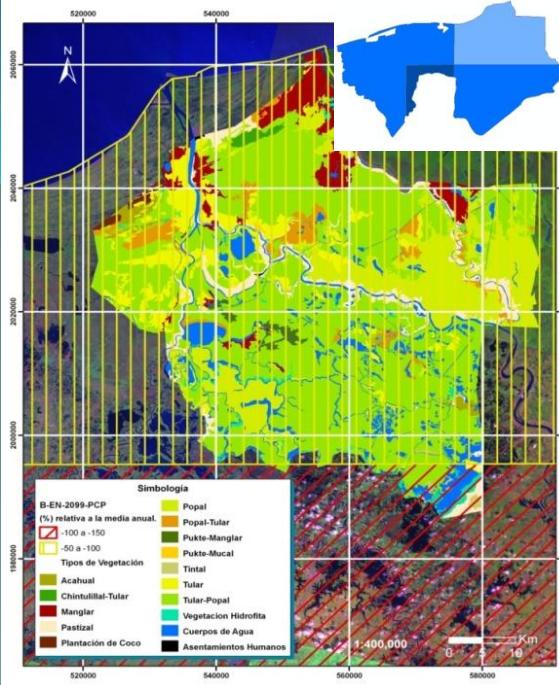
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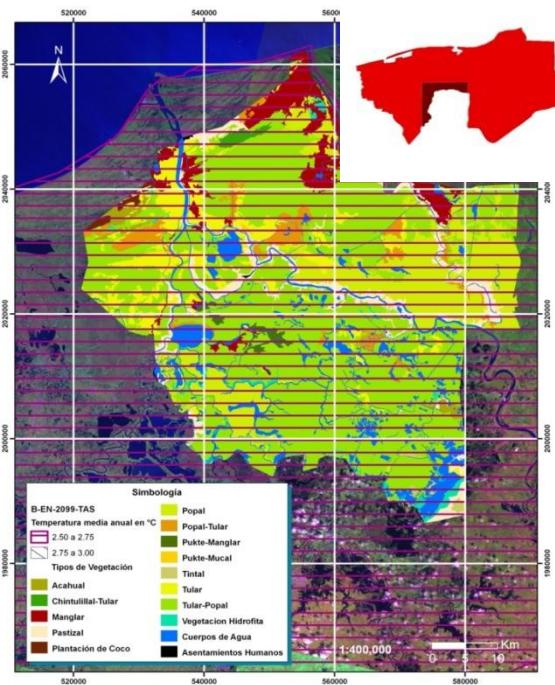
Flooding areas had increase  
in extension, duration  
and magnitude

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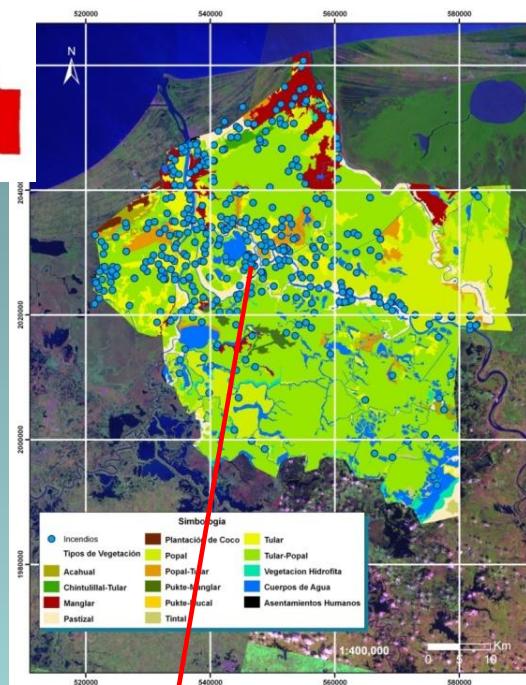




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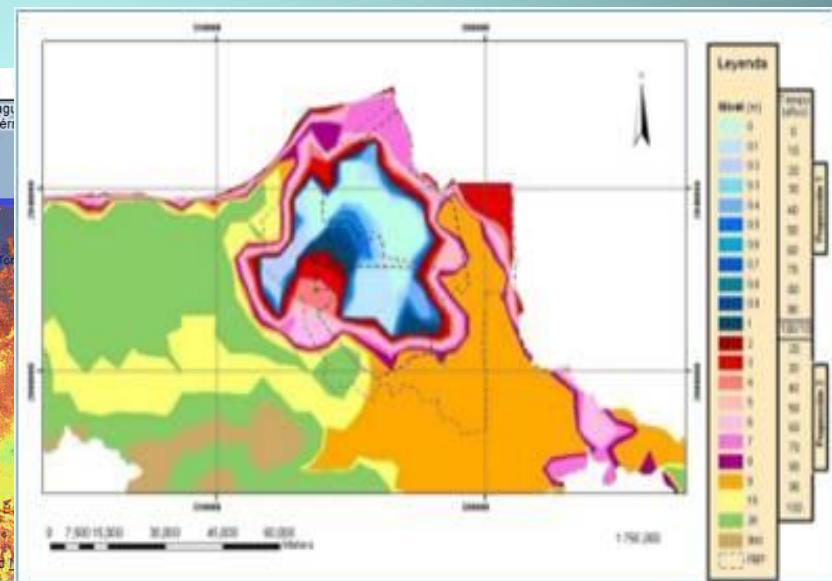
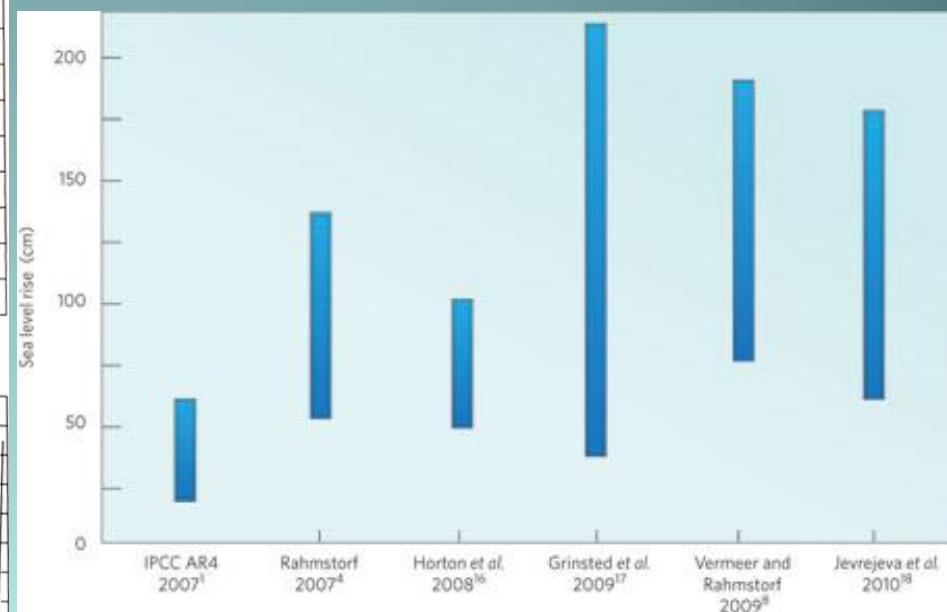
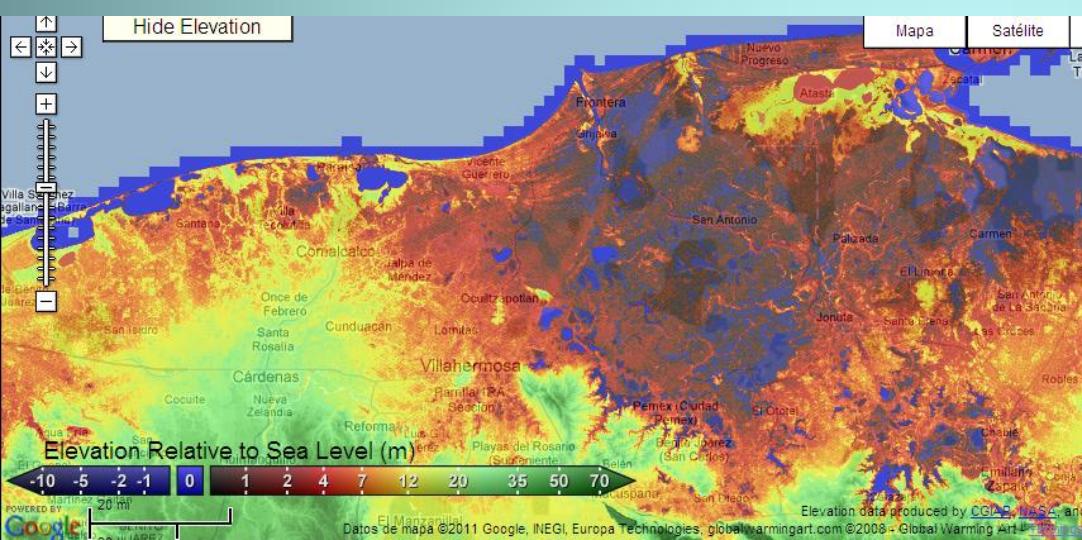
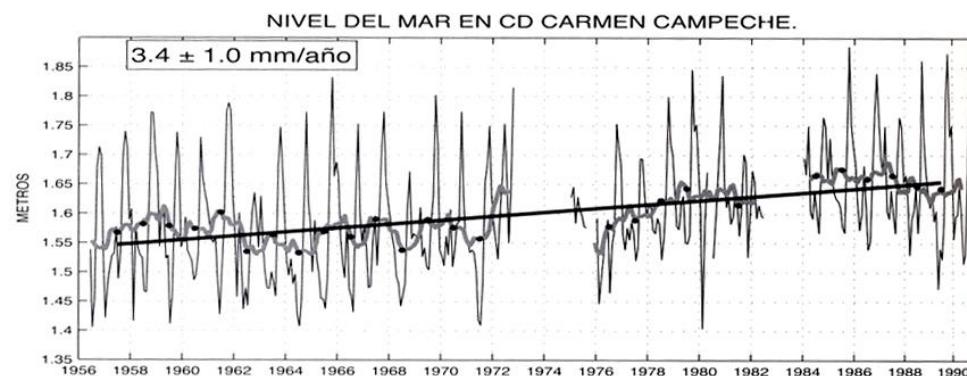
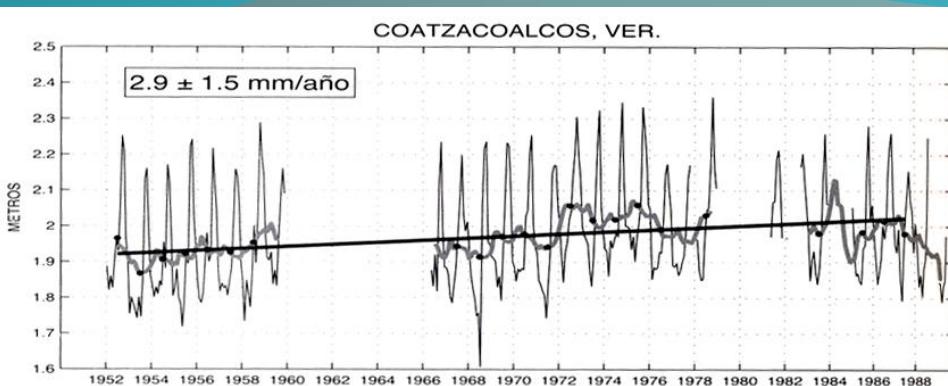
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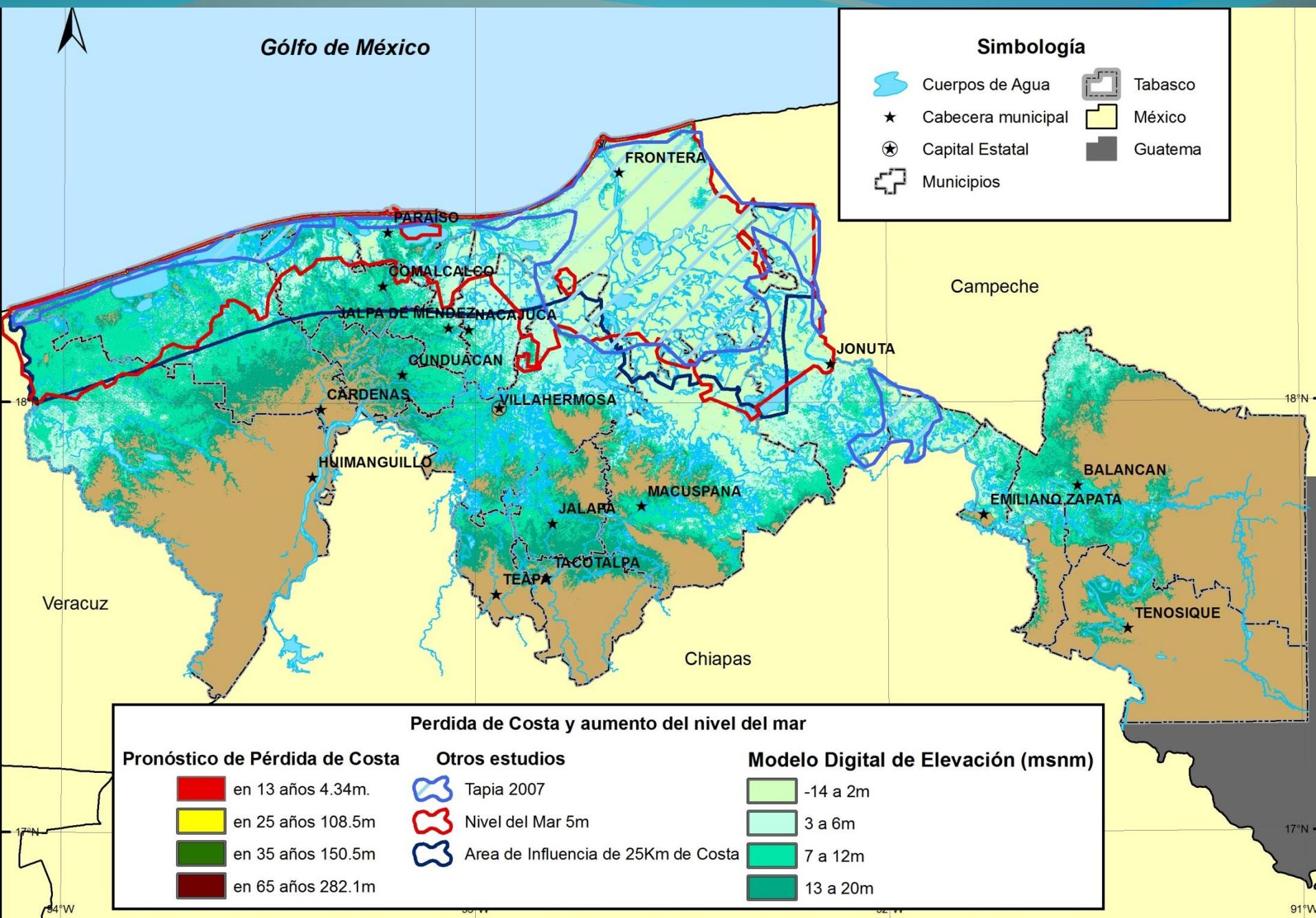


Fires  
1999 to 2003

Models estimate:  
An increase in temperature with more possibilities for fires  
A decrease in rainfall and changes in the distribution resulting in more and worst extraordinary events.

# Sea level







## Vulnerability of Centla biosphere reserve

**Endanger species on the biosphere reserve  
According to  
NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2001**

CATEGORY	Flora	Fauna
P	1	9
A	2	1
Pr	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>

P= En peligro de extinción, A= Amenazada, Pr= Sujeta a protección especial.

# CONCLUSIONS

**Historic shifts in the course of rivers (natural, infrastructure protection, hydroelectric dawn, irrigation) had affected the extension, duration and magnitude of floods, altering wetland processes**

**Sea level, is the greatest threat for coastal wetlands.**

**Connectivity between fragments and the formation of corridors is the adaptation proposed.**

**Vulnerability can be reduced with appropriate public policy to prevent, mitigate or adapt to environmental change, biological corridors are an alternative**